



Dear Friends,

The Good Samaritan newsletter is again reaching your door. It is our hope that you find it useful in letting you know of the orphans development, struggles and successes, as well as of new programs and challenges standing in front of us. It is also meant to make you shareholders in our mission of serving part of the orphans population in the town of Beius. Some of our clients have already graduated the GSB programs, while others have just come on board. It is our goal to keep you updated on both. Your prayers, contributions or intermediation in fund-raising for different programs can make you an investor in their life. It is our satisfaction when as a result of our united efforts one of them grows to be a more responsible and thinking with hope of the future youngster. It is so rewarding to be part of their small daily successes. As somebody has said: "It is better to teach them fish rather than give them the fish." You are invited now to become an investor in their lives and teach them to fish. Find out how and join us now!

Warm regards,
Nikolina Ciorna
Executive Director

MISSION

Good Samaritan is a Christian organization that operates in Northwestern Romania to assist disadvantaged young adults who grew up in orphanage and their families by:

- * Providing material help that allows them to live a safe life that meets their basic needs
- * Helping them to capitalize on their abilities to move towards self sufficiency
- * Working proactively in the community to break the cycle of child abandonment due to poverty, while introducing to them Christ's model for living.

Orphans helping families in need of housing...

by Elena Cornea

Young adult orphans, who have graduated the construction vocational program of Good Samaritan, worked as volunteers at the Euro-Habitat 2007 house building event for families in need. Radauti, a beautiful town in the north of Romania, hosted between 3-9 September, the biggest in Europe event of volunteering this year. 27 houses, a house for every member state of the EU, were built in a record time of 5 working days.

Former state President Constantinescu, politicians, ambassadors, corporations, other VIP's, worked together on the building site. Over 600 volunteers participated in this event! Good Samaritan



Alexandru, the future owner and Rozi on the roof was also represented by a group of 9 volunteers: 7 youngsters, aged 18-30 years old - Rozi, Gyonghy, Nicu, Feri, Alexandru, Daniel and Roman, and 2 Staff members - Cristina and Nikki.

Experiencing what means lack of a home and knowing well the wood-frame technology, participating in the past on similar events ('99 -Eclipse Build Beius, 2001- Jimmy Carter Build South Core) the young adult orphans, have expressed their desire to

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Daniel, Roman, Rozi, Feri and Alexandru on the Radauti site

help building houses together with those in need. "I was 17 years old when I found out that I must leave the institution together with other 60 youngsters. I didn't have money or other assets... I lived on the street. I lived the worst nightmare of my life. It was a terrible experience to have no food or a shelter" - remembers a youngster.

Two of the youngsters - Roman and Daniel are currently on a training following the example of many. Over the years, through a partnership with Habitat for Humanity, Good Samaritan could train in construction tens of youngsters, coming from the state orphanages, with no hope and no future, thus giving them a profession and a tool for self-sustainable and decent life. The collaboration with other volunteers, on the other hand, allowed them to build good self-esteem and even learn a foreign language.

Today some of these youngsters are professional builders whose knowledge and skills are sought and appreciated. Learning a profession helped them to overcome the past and live in the present with hope for the future...



Cristina, the FR manager, Feri, Alexandru, Nicolae, Ghyonghy, Nikki, the Executive Director and Rozi at the Euro-Habitat house dedication

Good Samaritan strikes back with Hepatitis B immunization

2 million Romanians have Hepatitis B or C, this representing 10% of the population. This is the highest level of Hepatitis in Europe, according to a study made by the Romanian Association of the Patients with Hepatic Diseases.

A year ago Good Samaritan started a medical program for health evaluation and medical treatment of orphans living in Beius.

Having in mind the fact that many of the orphans have lived on the streets, had poor nutrition and sometimes suffer of mental retardation after the implementation of the project, was proved general good health status of the beneficiaries. The major medical problem and priority was the found 6 Hepatitis B and 1 Hepatitis C cases. For these beneficiaries was done special training and was given all the needed information on the disease symptoms, treatment, complications, disease spreading, etc.

The ampleness of the viral Hepatitis on the entire continent, whose number grew alarmingly the last years, drew the attention of the

European Parliament, from which the associations of the Hepatitis sick people are asking directives to prevent hepatic diseases and to facilitate, as much as possible, the access to up-to-the-minute treatments. Due to the authorities responsible for the treatment of this infectious disease, most of the Hepatitis sick people do not benefit of the needed medicines on time, and thus being untreated, the Hepatitis leads to cirrhosis or even hepatic cancer.

As an answer to this critical situation and the orphans' need, Good Samaritan has taken the responsibility to provide the best possible medical services to the young orphans with Hepatitis B and C. The treatment of this disease is still very limited and consists in medicines given to protect the liver, as well as, periodical tests and consultations; the disease not being curable. At least one year treatment is needed, as well as repetition of the laboratory tests every 3 months.

The health evaluation and medical treatment for these

needs to be done on an annual basis. Their health has to be supervised regularly and in case of health complications, to be consulted again with the needed specialists in this area.

So far the youngsters received liver-protecting treatment and specialized consultations, while others, being part of the GSB prevention campaign, were vaccinated with anti-hepatitis B vaccine.

by Dana Bacos, medical assistant



Contact us to find out how to contribute to the immunization campaign or the treatment of those in need.

The first year of the person's life has a very important role in its growing and harmonious development. Family problems, the low standard of living, parents background and education and most of the times, the mental disabilities of the

To support these expenses. During the last year there were many attempts to get as many places in the kinder-garten as possible, for the orphan's children with whom the association have been collaborating on different

children, who attended the kindergarten last year, even if at the beginning they couldn't get integrated, being rejected by other children. We have to say that, due to their behavior, they soon managed to socialize and even to participate in the educational program, just like the other kids from the group. The result of attending the kindergarten can be seen with the children who are now at school and are having good grades. Their success is even bigger since comparatively to other children they always lack special school supplies because their parents cannot afford or do not consider important to buy them, thus neglecting their children's education. As a response to that Good Samaritan for three years now has tried to provide the school supplies needed for the children who go to school.



Alexandra participating in artistic kindergarten program

parents raised in orphanage are affecting the psychological and emotional development of the children and are slowing down the socialization and integration process.

From our experience with the young orphans we might say that their general culture and educational level are very low, that they live in split families and that these children in general were conceived as a result of their parents' unconsciousness, lack of a proper education and psychological retardation. Nevertheless, they are parents who love their children, do not even think of abandoning them, even if they don't know to give them a proper education (some of them don't know to read or write) and don't have the required financial possibilities to

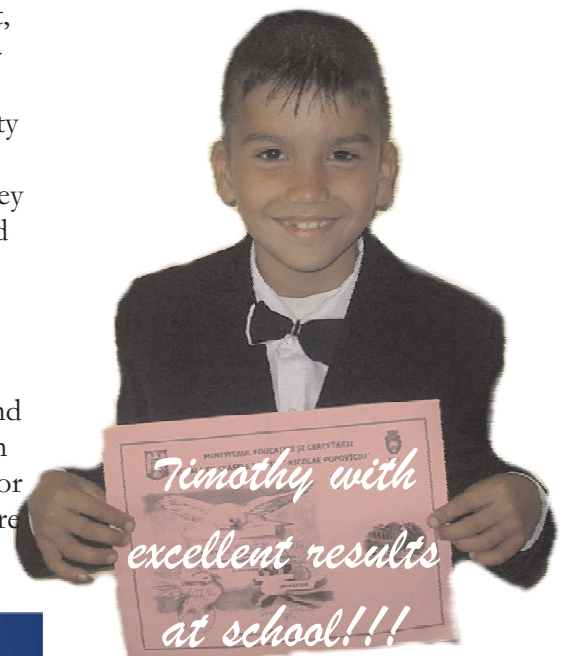
projects.

There are many children on the waiting lists for attending kindergarten and usually the children whose parents are employed have priority. This fact makes difficult the obtaining of a place, because some of the young orphans don't work. Yet, this year we succeeded to get 4 places for them. Kindergarten offers the parents the possibility to leave their children for 11 hours in a nice place, where they are offered 3 meals per day and benefit of an educational program adapted according to their age.

Unfortunately, like every other child, the orphans' children tend to take as life models their own parents, especially their behavior and way of speaking. But we are very pleased by the results obtained with those

I consider that the most important is to try to offer these children equal opportunities to benefit of an appropriate education which will offer them a new start in life, an important component for a better future, a life which will be different from their parents life.

by Alina Kapeller, social worker



Bringing smiles...

How can you help?

Christmas and holidays have always been a special time for all of us, a time of prayer, sharing and meditation. While we are all to celebrate this precious holiday, Good Samaritan is again thinking of the coming year and how to help better the orphans in need. Training of the leaving the institutions orphans, kindergarten for their children, medical and dental care, educational support and housing for orphans continue to be our plans. Join us in reaching this goal and make Christmas complete for orphans and their children. Your efforts will bring joy and smiles in the orphans lives and will remind all of them of the true meaning of Christmas - HOPE.



The needs you may support

- Christmas trip (one day) for 7 people - 341 USD.
- Vocational program, to provide the orphans with the skills to acquire a profession - 361 USD/ person/ month.
- Post-graduation sponsorship - 6 months rent for the period of transition of the youngsters graduating the vocational programs - 545 USD/pers. Needed 2 sponsorships.
- Kindergarten -723 USD is needed to support a child of an orphan for 1 year; monthly - 60 USD. Needed 1 sponsorship.
- School supplies for the children of orphans - a backpack with minimum needed items for school - \$ 36 USD / person, for 25 children.
- Medical evaluations - 272 USD/ pers. - evaluations needed for approximately 14 persons; anti-hepatitis B vaccines - 30 USD /person, needed for 20 persons.
- Sponsorship for an orphan to provide him with food and a shelter - 410 USD per 6 months, needed for 1year.
- Birthday celebrations - 2 annual celebrations of the youngsters' birthdays who are on vocational training with GSB - food, cake, gifts and music -163 USD/ each celebration
- Support for Good Samaritan's general needs - to cover the expenses for specialized Staff, working with the orphans in need. Without it Good Samaritan could not provide the necessary support to orphans!

Please consider that every amount is appreciated, no matter how small it may seem to be!

A supporting action is a sign of solidarity with the ones in need.

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